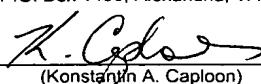




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Dear Madam:

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This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto and incorporated herein. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to pursue Group I, and have submitted amendments to the elected claims. Applicants also respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the position requiring restriction between the claims of Groups I and III in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the claims as follows: